

Dear Sir or Madam,

Sinclair Broadcasting's decision to force their stations to air an anti-Kerry documentary days before the election is a clear example of the abuse of the public airways for the unbalanced promotion of a single political point of view.

Please compel Sinclair Broadcasting to either 1) not air "Stolen Honor," or 2) be sure to air a pro-Kerry program like "Going Upriver" shortly after.

Sinclair Broadcasting's decision to force their stations to air "Stolen Honor" is also a clear example of the dangers of media consolidation.

Sinclair uses the public airwaves free of charge, and is obligated by law to serve the public interest. But when large companies control the airwaves, we get more of what's good for the bottom line and less of what we need for our democracy.

Sinclair's actions show why we need to strengthen media ownership rules, not weaken them. They show why the license renewal process needs to involve more than a returned postcard.

Thank you in advance for considering my opinion. I am a U.S. citizen and an active voter.